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Executive Director



January 22, 1980

Mr. Robert W. Parsons, Jr.
President
The Lillia Babbitt Hyde Foundation
507 Westminster Avenue
Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208

Dear Mr. Parsons:

Our fundraising consultant, Martin L. Schneider/
Associates has been working with Aspira of America and
Aspira of New York since 1968.

Ms. Seana Blackman, the account executive with
MLS/A began working with Aspira, Inc. of New Jersey
in 1976 when I became Executive Director. She also
works with the Brooklyn Hospital, The National Committee
Against Discrimination in Housing, Chamber Music
America and The Students Association of State University
(New York). She has been a professional fundraiser
since 1973.

I am enclosing a background sheet on MLS/A for
your information.

Sincerely,


Ms. Grizel Ubarry
Executive Director

The Essex County Center has a counseling staff of ten and serves 800 Hispanic teenagers and young adults in Newark. The programs administered out of this Center are: adult education, vocational education, delinquency prevention and rehabilitation, health careers and college placement.

The administrative staff, consisting of five people, coordinates and supervises activities at the three Aspira Centers. Last year Aspira serviced over 2,000 youths and young adults.

Project Financing:

8/15/79

Total needed:	\$21,500
Raised in cash to date:	12,000*
Amount likely, but not pledged to date:	4,500
Balance needed:	5,000
Amount requested:	5,000

* The Charles Hayden Foundation awarded Aspira \$12,000 towards the project. Work is expected to begin by the end of August 1979. We will continue and complete renovation as soon as we receive all the financing needed, hopefully December 1979.

Urgency of Foundation Response:

If we receive word that the Hyde Foundation has awarded a grant to Aspira, we plan to contract to finish renovation work prior to receiving the check.

Urgency of Grant Payment:

We would appreciate receiving a check as soon after the award is granted as possible. We would like to complete the renovation of the student center to make it more comfortable, private and efficient.



(Signature of responsible officer)

Dr. Luis Nieves, Chairperson
Aspira Board of Directors

Name and Title

Grant Application

Name of Applicant
Organization: Aspira, Inc. of New Jersey

TO: The Lillia Babbitt Hyde Foundation

Address: 87 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ 07102

Date: August 16, 1979

Telephone Number: (201) 642-8080

Appeal From: Dr. Luis Nieves, Chairperson, Aspira Board of Directors
(609) 921-9000, x. 2015

Purpose of Grant:

This is a request for a one-time grant of \$5,000 to enable Aspira to renovate its new offices in Newark which house the Essex County Center, and the administrative offices for Centers serving Hudson and Passaic Counties, and other special programs for young adults and parents.

Background:

Aspira, Inc. of New Jersey is the only state-wide educational agency which is devoted to helping Hispanic teenagers gain a positive self-image and develop practical programs for continuing their education. Directly, as well as indirectly, we help teenagers seek out and take part in constructive activities for the improvement of their community. The enclosed brief brochure outlines Aspira's services, provides a statistical review of the results of its nine years of activities, and summarizes the financial data for its most recent fiscal year.

During the past three years, Aspira has been successful in increasing the amount of private support and in securing new government grants which have enabled it to broaden the scope of its work. This expansion led to the need for moving from our earlier quarters on Broad Street in Newark to larger, consolidated space on Halsey Street last fall. Now on one floor, served by a single hallway, the full range of counseling, meeting, tutoring and administrative activities can be fully integrated. However, this new space on which we have a favorable, long-term lease, requires extensive rehabilitation and redecorating. Ceilings and walls are blighted by cracked plaster and peeling paint, the flooring is in poor condition, privacy is limited and one of the larger rooms needs to be divided. (See photos for current status.)

Working with a group of minority architects, the Architects' Community Design Center, we have developed estimates of the cost of renovating and redecorating the space. The cost of materials, labor, and architects fees and expenses will be \$21,500. With this expenditure, Aspira will have efficient, pleasant working space conducive to helping students and conducting our general activities in an environment consistent with the aspiration for a better life we seek to impart.

I am also enclosing a copy of the work plan and estimated budget from the architects and, for your information, a list of our current private grants and contributors.

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